

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A shadow mask assembly, comprising:  
  
a shadow mask having an effective area and a non-effective area; and  
  
a frame fixing body configured to tension said shadow mask, wherein a shortest distance  $t_M$  from an outermost end of a main frame welded to said shadow mask to an interface between the effective area and the non-effective area and a width  $t_W$  of a mask welding part formed at an upper part of said main frame satisfy the following equation:  $0.14 \leq \frac{t_W}{t_M} \leq [1.0] \underline{0.5}$ .
2. (Previously Amended) The shadow mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein said shadow mask is welded to the outermost end of said main frame along an effective area side direction within a range of  $t_W/2$  to  $t_W$ .
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The shadow mask assembly according to claim 3, wherein the upper part of the main frame comprises the welding part width  $t_W$  and one side of the mainframe is inwardly sloped toward said shadow mask so that a side cross section of the main frame has upper and lower surfaces parallel to each other.

5. (Previously Presented) The shadow mask assembly according to claim 3, wherein said main frame is made of a plate, of which the upper part is bent to form the mask welding part having the width  $t_w$  and the lower part extends perpendicular to the upper part and has one end bent parallel to the mask welding part and the other end bent again to closely contact with the perpendicular part to form a slope inward to said shadow mask.

6. (Currently Amended) A shadow mask assembly comprising:  
a rail forming a frame; and  
a shadow mask welded and tensioned at a rear surface of said rail, wherein a rear surface of said rail is defined by a ~~welding~~ width  $t_w$  in a range of  $0.14 \leq \frac{t_w}{t_M} \leq [1.0] \underline{0.5}$ , and wherein  $t_M$  is a shortest distance from an outermost end of said rail to an interface between an effective area and a non-effective area of said shadow mask.

7. (Previously Presented) The shadow mask assembly according to claim 6, wherein said shadow mask is welded to the rear of said rail in a range of  $t_w/2$  to  $t_w$ .

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A cathode ray tube comprising the shadow mask assembly of claim 1.

10. (Previously Presented) The shadow mask assembly according to claim 1, wherein the effective area comprises slots and the non-effective area is without slots.

11. (Previously Presented) The shadow mask assembly according to claim 10, wherein the non-effective area extends from a periphery of the effective area.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A cathode ray tube comprising the shadow mask assembly of claim 6.

14. (Previously Presented) The shadow mask assembly according to claim 6, wherein the effective area comprises slots and the non-effective area is without slots.

15. (Previously Presented) The shadow mask assembly according to claim 14, wherein the non-effective area extends from a periphery of the effective area.

16. (Canceled)